

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 839

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew K. Russell for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Matthew K. Russell is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as Legislative Assistant for Senator Steve Dickerson, Mr. Russell has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Matt Russell rendered sterling service to Senator Dickerson, handling his assigned duties with acumen and alacrity as he conducted policy research, assisted constituents, set scheduling, and oversaw the daily operations of the office; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to the political process, Matt Russell has worked in a number of campaigns, including as a volunteer for the Bill Ketron for State Senate campaign in 2010 and as Political Director for the Steve Dickerson for State Senate organization in 2012, for which he managed all field operations, implemented grassroots efforts, and coordinated the volunteer outreach program; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding young man, Matt Russell is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology while compiling a grade point average of 3.62 within his major; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Middle Tennessee State University, he was an active member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, President of the Construction Specifications Institute Student

Chapter, a Senator with the Student Government Association, and a Founding Member of Order of Omega; and

WHEREAS, a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the 2009 Sigma Nu Fraternity Scholar of the Year, Matt Russell was awarded the HOPE Scholarship, a Middle Tennessee State University Academic Scholarship, and three CSI Academic Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Matt Russell's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Matthew K. Russell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Matthew K. Russell for his honorable and distinguished service to the good people of Tennessee as Legislative Assistant to Senator Steve Dickerson and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such